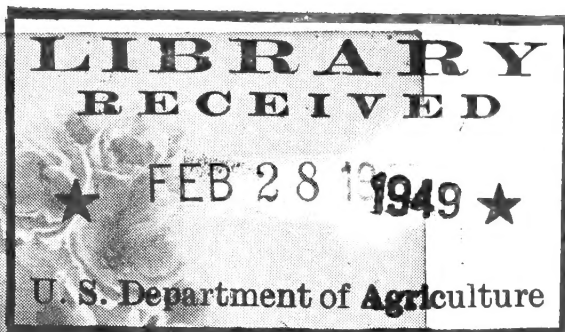


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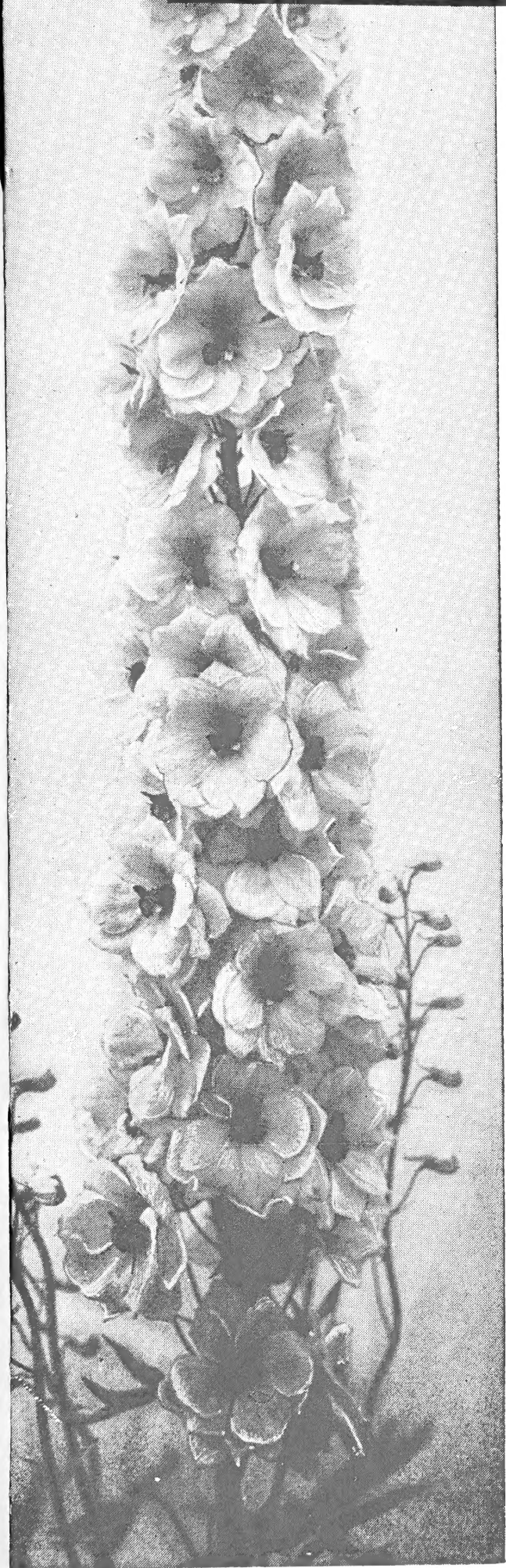
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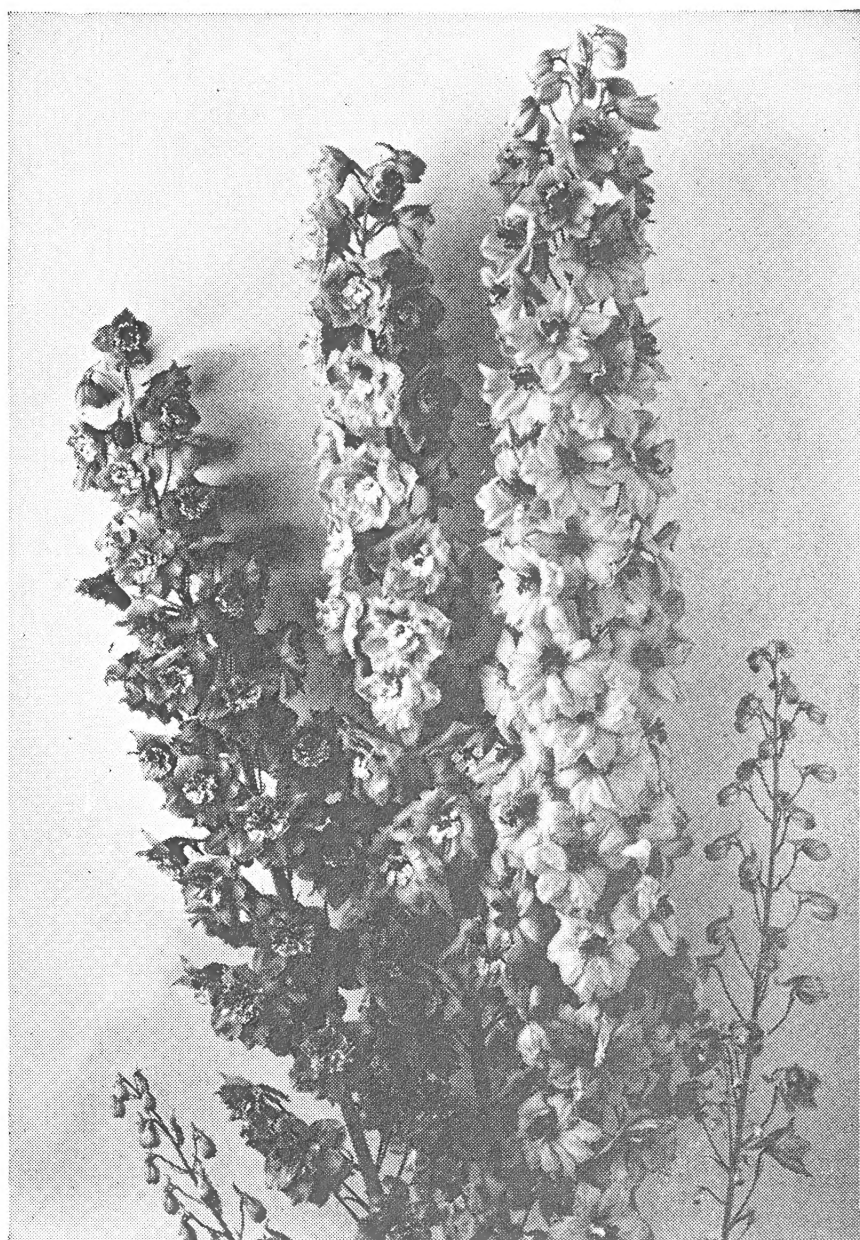
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Offerman Delphinium Gardens



4709 W. STEVENS
SEATTLE 6, WASH.



IMPORTANT SHIPPING INFORMATION

Please read before sending your order.

Seed Orders . . . We enclose culture directions to assist you. When seed arrives, place packets in the refrigerator (not freezing compartment), or in some other cool place, until planting time (Delphinium seed and Primrose seed only).

Plants and Bulbs Are Shipped Prepaid . . . We have not raised our price on plants, but for your convenience we add the postage. Everything will be prepaid to your door.

Add 40c packing charge on orders of less than 1 dozen bulbs.

Special Handling on parcel 20c extra.

Special Handling with Special Delivery 35c extra. Parcels will receive the most expeditious handling and transportation practicable and also SPECIAL DELIVERY to the place of address.

In State of Washington please add 3% State Sales Tax.

Named Series of the Pacific Hybrid Strain

SUMMER SKIES . . . What better words can be chosen for this favorite than the crystal clear, unshaded blue of a bright summer's day. The white bee flashes against the lovely, light blue. Flowers up to 3 inches across.

BLUE BIRD . . . The rare and thrilling flash of the blue-bird's wings is caught in this finest medium delphinium blue. There are slight iridescent hues at the floret tips. A very fine white bee. Flowers up to 3 inches across.

BLUE JAY . . . Every Delphinium lover seeks the true blue color, which is so difficult to obtain. The color is a medium to dark blue, with dark contrasting bee. Individual flowers up to 3 inches in diameter.

GALAHAD . . . Always there is a special beauty to a pure white flower. This series is the triumph of the whites with a frosted sheen folding away from the pure white bee. Flowers up to 4 inches across.

PERCIVAL . . . This is the other giant white that merits a place in this group. All is glistening white but the startling black bee. Flowers up to 3½ inches across.

LANCELOT . . . The beautiful flower of this very large Delphinium whispers of the clearest lilac self. Its white bee continues the delicate tones. A rare color in Delphinium. Flowers up to 3 inches across.

GUINEVERE . . . The silken petals are of softest pink-shaded lavender, with good white bee. This is one of the most delicate of the named series. Flowers up to 3½ inches across.

CAMELIARD . . . Now the clearest, truest lavender with exceptionally large flowers. The very double flowers swirl from a white bee. Flowers up to 3½ inches across.

KING ARTHUR . . . Of course, the King must wear the royal purple, with faint glows of royal blue at the base of the florets. The white bee is like a shining shield upon the regal velvet. Flowers up to 3 inches across.

BLACK KNIGHT . . . The darkest violet of all with the black bee intensifying the mysterious depths of each flower. Even the flower stems are darkest green to accentuate the deep tones. Flowers up to 3½ inches across.

ROUND TABLE . . . Here you may have the whole glorious array of all the Pacific Hybrids in new color combinations, always blending into an exciting and beautiful picture. Flowers up to 3½ inches across.

DREAM, Pudor's . . . One of the best shadings of sky blue and soft pink originated on the West Coast. White bee. It has very well formed flowers with excellent sheen. Flowers up to 3½ inches across.

SEEDS

Approximately 200 seeds in each full packet.

1 packet, your choice.....	\$ 2.00	1 half packet	\$1.00
6 packets, your choice.....	10.00	6 half packets.....	5.00
12 packets, your choice.....	17.50	12 half packets.....	9.00

We Carry Trade Packets to Growers and Nurseries

Offerman Delphinium Gardens

LaGrande, Oregon

My display of Delphinium at the Union County fair, has been awarded a Blue Ribbon. I have been raising these plants from your seed. It is almost unbelievable how large these plants have grown in our short summer season, some of the bloom stalks are 4 to 5 feet high, with individual blooms 3 to 4 inches in diameter.

Mrs. M. Folsom

SEEDLING PLANTS

From March to June and September to November we are offering strong-rooted seedling plants in the superb Giant Pacific Hybrid Strain. Transplanted, they will grow rapidly; they will bloom from summer until frost. All the exquisite delphinium colors are included in the plants—deep blue, sky-blue, lavender, pure white, violet purples and pinks shaded lavender, with individual blossoms up to 4 inches across. The plants cannot be segregated, nor are they labeled.

SEEDLING PLANTS

\$4.50 per dozen postpaid

\$2.75 per half dozen postpaid to your door

PLANTS OF NAMED VARIETIES

that have already bloomed in our gardens

\$1.60 each or \$16.00 per dozen

Express paid to your door. No order less than three plants

Make your own selection from page 3

OFFERMAN'S SILVER QUEEN

It has all the opalescent splendor of true Mother of Pearl, shining from the bud through to the shimmering loveliness of the huge double flowers. It brings to one all the soft shades of distant mountains in a summer twilight.

The bee, whatever the intensity of white, or brown, or black, lends an enchantment to each flower. I never have been sure which bee I like best for this flower.

As Silver Queen opens, it is as if a bright moonbeam has come to shine upon each flower, sending the twilight colors into the shadows, leaving only a breath of opalescence in its silvery light.

SEEDS

1 packet (200 seeds).....\$3.00

Plants of Silver Queen \$2.50 each

RED DELPHINIUM

Delphinium Nudicaule, with its brick-red single flowers gives a long period of blooming. Individual flowers including spurs are 1½ inches long. Plants grow 1½ feet high and are recommended for rockeries, in front of borders or for pots.

SEEDS

1 packet, approx. 200 seeds.....\$1.00

OFFERMAN'S EXHIBITION STRAIN

The finest mixture from the excellent stock of Offerman Gardens. For the Delphinium grower who enjoys new color combinations and the fun of trying the "unknown" this will be his choice. From this Strain came our largest flower this season, measuring 4¼ inches across.

SEEDS

1 packet, approx. 200 seeds.....\$2.00

Clumps of the Exhibition Strain \$12.00 per dozen or \$6.50 per half dozen, shipped Express collect. I add more plants to make up the Express charges.

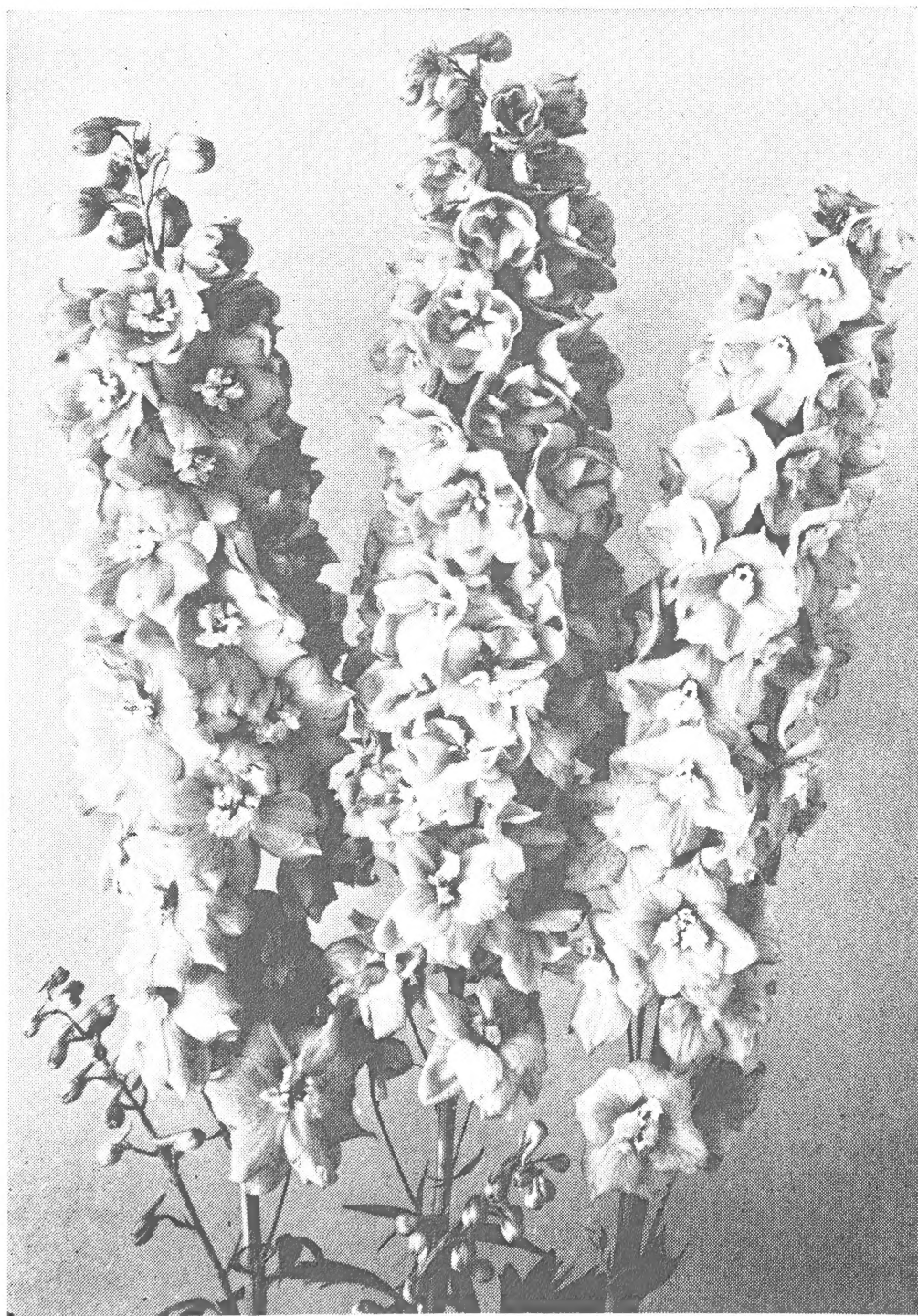
Last year I had seed from you and the germination was almost 100%. I also had seed from other parts of the country and although grown along with your seed under same growing conditions the germination was far below normal and plants were not as strong as from your seed. I enjoyed your article in the Delphinium Year Book.

Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Hillview Terrace Gardens

DELPHINIUM HYBRIDS for Your Garden

Their stately splendor so enhances the garden that they have become the stars of the June picture. The September display brings a brilliant contrast to the rush of autumn colors and is often enjoyed even more than in midsummer. The harmony of the beloved delphinium blues shade into the delicacy of hushed lavenders, are lifted upon notes of purest white, only to play back into the thunderous tones of the Black Knight.

Perhaps the most gratifying quality of the superior Delphiniums of today is the hardiness and good nature allowing every garden to own this aristocrat. These newer strains of Delphiniums are no temperamental hybrids. Seldom is found a perennial that gives such a gigantic exhibition from seed in one year. In all of our Delphinium stock, you will enjoy superior quality in the strong stems, luxuriant leaf growth which will send forth a breath-taking spire of beauty, exquisite in every detail. The spires in Offerman Gardens average 6 feet tall and individual blossoms 3 inches across, with no less than 13 and up to 22 petals.



OFFERMAN ADVICE . . .

Each year I receive many letters asking for advice on Delphinium culture. With the hope that a few of my notes may be of help, I will answer some of the most-asked questions.

ABOUT THE SEEDS . . . There are two seasons to start Delphiniums from seed, Spring and August. In parts of the country that have cold winters, the summer sowing should be done between July 15th-August 1st to give the seedlings a better "toehold" for winter. **The spring planting will bloom in the fall of the same year.**

For the soil in flats; contrary to belief, leaf mold is not essential, but sand is VERY IMPORTANT. Lighten the garden soil with sand, thoroughly mixed together. The top layer of the soil should be finely sifted, ready for the seed. To be sure the seed is not buried too deeply, I strongly advise broadcasting the seed and then sifting fine soil over the surface **ONLY THE THICKNESS OF A DIME**. Press the planted soil down gently . . . not too hard. Water with fine spray and cover seedbed with moist burlap or wet paper. Remove the covering as soon as the seeds come up. Remember too, a shaded seed flat is easier to keep moist and much better for the tiny sprouted seeds than too frequent watering. Good, fresh seed should germinate in 10 days to 2 weeks.

ABOUT TRANSPLANTING . . . When the seedlings are about 1½ to 2 inches high, they will have three true leaves and are ready to be moved. Depending upon the sowing time, they will either go into a coldframe or lathed seed bed in temperate climate for the winter. As soon as the frosts are over and the soil is warming up, transplant in permanent position about two feet apart.

ABOUT FERTILIZER . . . We use "Compost" to all our plants. When planting out our young stock, we prepare the hole by adding this compost, mix it with the soil, and set in the plant. If you are not familiar with the making of compost, drop a line to Organic Gardening, Emmaus, Penna., who will send you literature. Barnyard manures as cow, sheep or horse should be dug a foot deep into the soil; however, always mix lime with manures. If chicken manure is used, spread on top of soil and let the rain do the rest.

ABOUT THE SOIL . . . The looser the soil, the larger the flowers. Delphinium roots are thin and go straight down. This is why the soil under the roots must be loose; and the deeper it is prepared, the better the plant can function. If your soil contains clay, add plenty of leaf mold and sand or compost. In a few years you will find a difference in the soil. Give your plants loose soil; give plenty of water and sunshine and the joys of beautiful delphiniums will be yours.

FOR ADDED PLEASURE OF YOUR FAVORITE FLOWER JOIN THE AMERICAN DELPHINIUM SOCIETY

Beautiful yearbook containing history of the newest developments
in the Delphinium world.

MEMBERSHIP \$2.00 PER YEAR

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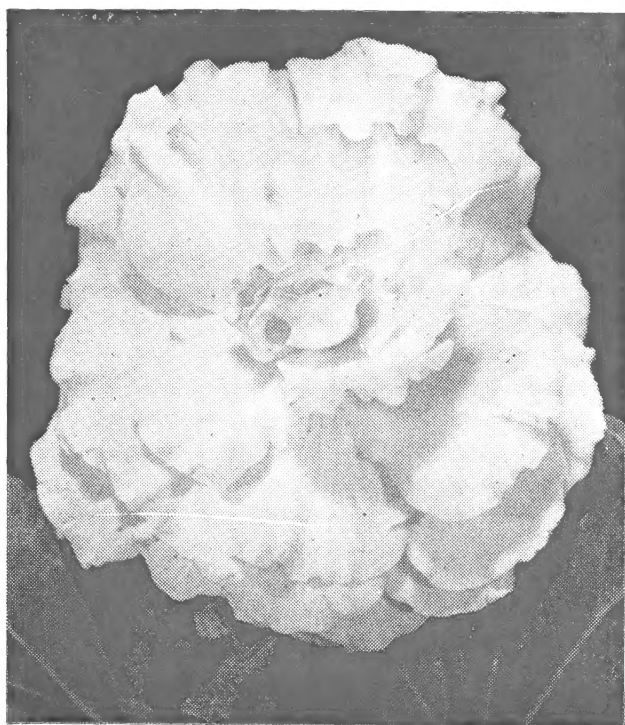
JACK OFFERMAN

Northwestern Vice-President American Delphinium Society
4709 W. Stevens, Seattle 6, Washington

North Sedgwick, Maine
I entered a spike of your white Galahad at the flower show and had many comments on it; needless to say, I took 1st prize with it.
Gertrude S. Allen

Plymouth, N.H.
I had wonderful blossoms from the plants I raised from your seed. There was a good variety of colors. I received first prize on some of the spikes at the Fall show. I read a wonderful piece about your Delphiniums in the Flower Grower and it surely made me want to raise more plants.
Mrs. E. Avery

PACIFIC STRAIN OF GIANT HYBRID TUBEROUS BEGONIAS



BEGONIA DOUBLE CAMELLIA

The Pacific Strain of Tuberous Begonias is, what we believe, the finest selection of American bred and grown on the Pacific Coast.

DOUBLE CAMELLIA Type. The largest and most popular of the double types. Individual flowers, from 5 to 8 inches in diameter resemble camellias and roses in all forms with slight variations of color.

Solid, Uniform Colors, with Slight Variation Only:

White	American Beauty	Scarlet
Pink	Salmon Red	Orange
Rose	Flame Orange	Dark Red
Crimson Rose	Cardinal Red	Yellow

Salmon Shades. Varying More or Less within Themselves:

Salmon Rose Shades	Blush and Pink Salmons
Apricot and Orange Salmons	Yellow and Apricot Salmons

DOUBLE PICOTTEE Shades. The flowers are slightly smaller in some instances but of beautiful Camellia form, with two-tone combinations of color with a definitely contrasting edge.

Colors: Salmon Shades, Red Shades, Pink-Rose Shades.

FIMBRIATA PLENA Type. Double frilled, or often called Carnation type. This group has been enormously improved in the last few years, the flowers in some cases reaching the size of the Camellia type, with more and more refined form.

Colors: White, Pink, Rose, Yellow, Orange, Apricot, Scarlet, Crimson-Rose, Blush, Salmon.

DOUBLE HANGING Type. Its hanging habit, with great masses of medium-sized flowers makes them favored for the decoration of greenhouses, open verandas or sun porches. This type has been crossed with the double Camellia type for the size of flowers and variety of color.

Colors: White, Pink, Rose, Salmon Rose, Salmon Red, Scarlet, Yellow, Orange.

Price of any of the above 4 varieties as follows

Adams Basin, N. Y.

This spring I made my first purchase from you. Today I picked three spikes of gorgeous blooms, some measuring 3 inches in diameter. I am looking forward to raising more Delphiniums now that I have seen how beautiful they can be when grown from such excellent seed.

Mrs. H. C. Snyder

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

Seed —

\$2.50 per packet; \$1.25 per half packet (Straight colors or mixture)

Tubers—

Large size (2" diameter).....3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per dozen

Medium size (1¼" to 1¾" diameter)..3 for \$1.20; \$4.00 per dozen

Small size (1" to 1¼" diameter).....3 for \$0.90; \$3.00 per dozen

Culture of Tuberous Begonias enclosed with each order.

Tubers are available from February to April. Order early.

ROSE FORM NOVELTIES 1949

The classical and most beautiful form of Tuberous Begonias has reached in the last years a standard of quality beyond previous expectations. These tubers are chosen during flowering season and staked from the beds that are grown for double Camellia. The color range represents most of the shades of the double Camellia; however, please mark substitute as the supply is always limited. No seed this season.

RUFFLED NOVELTIES 1949

By interbreeding the best forms of the Camellia and Fimbriata Plena types, this group has reached perfection of new forms, sometimes resembling the Camellia type, or at times like huge Fimbriata Plena. For beauty and variation they are rivaling all other types. The color range is the same as Fimbriata Plena types.

Seed in mixture only: \$5.00 per packet

\$2.50 per ½ packet

Price of tubers of any of the above 2 varieties as follows:

Large size\$2.00 each; \$20.00 per dozen

Medium size\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per dozen

Small size\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen

CHOICE SELECT VARIETIES OF TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

Contrary to the practice of propagating named varieties of Tuberous Begonias, we offer selected seedling-tubers instead. During flowering season, all the choicest new seedlings, which are above average in size, form and color are separated. We are offering tubers to Begonia lovers who desire only the finest for their gardens. Available in four types (double Camellia, double Picotee, Fimbriata Plena, and double Hanging type).

Large size\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen

Medium size\$.75 each; \$ 7.50 per dozen

Small size\$.50 each; \$ 5.00 per dozen

Chicago, Ill.

I have seen flowers grown from your seed many times and have tried to get your address many times. Due to the fact that your flowers usually carry Grand Prize Ribbons, the growers give some sort of song and dance, but not until I saw your ad in Flower Grower could I locate you. I have grown Delphiniums from all parts of the world and still think I like yours the best.

Ira H. Seifert

Salem, Virginia

The blooms on the Delphinium plants which you sent to me are so beautiful that I am forced to write you again, expressing my admiration of the beautiful flowers which they have produced. The flowers are so beautiful that I will never be satisfied with the number I have, and will always want more of them. If this keeps up I am afraid I will have nothing but your Delphiniums in my garden.

J. Rappe Myers, Jr.

Fredonia, New York

Reporting on the seed purchased from you, I have some beautiful plants, some 6 feet high with 3 to 4 inch blooms; they have created quite a sensation.

C. Cato

Oak Harbor, Washington

Last fall I received your Delphinium plants. Now they are in bloom and they are wonderful. The white one has blooms 3½ inches in diameter. All the plants were of different colors. Thanking you,

Mrs. Chas. Nienhuis



A GIANT PASTEL POLYANTHUS

GIANT POLYANTHUS PRIMROSES

This Giant Primrose is not only Spring's Harbinger, but its bright and fragrant giant blooms stay on to welcome Summer, for this Hardy Primrose offers a long season of bloom, and an extensive variety of colors and forms.

GIANT FLOWERING MIXTURE . . . The blooms are of giant sizes and the massive flower heads are carried on very long stems. The color range is wide and varied with many unusual shades from salmon, lavender, peach and rose as well as burgundy, gold tile shades, fuchsia and violet tones.

SEED

Mixed colors, 200 seeds, per packet.....\$1.25

SUPER SELECTION . . . Seed gathered from selected plants in pink, apricot, lilac, salmon and two-toned shades, as well as new color breaks and unusual tones. These are Primroses for blue ribbons and show place in the garden.

SEED

½ packet, 180 seeds.....\$1.50

Packet, 300 seeds\$2.50

Seed of Super Selection available after July 15, 1949

BLUE ACAULIS . . . This rich medium blue Acaulis, so rare in Primulas, has not quite as large a bloom as the Giant Flowering mixture. It is especially attractive because of its profuse blooming habit.

SEED

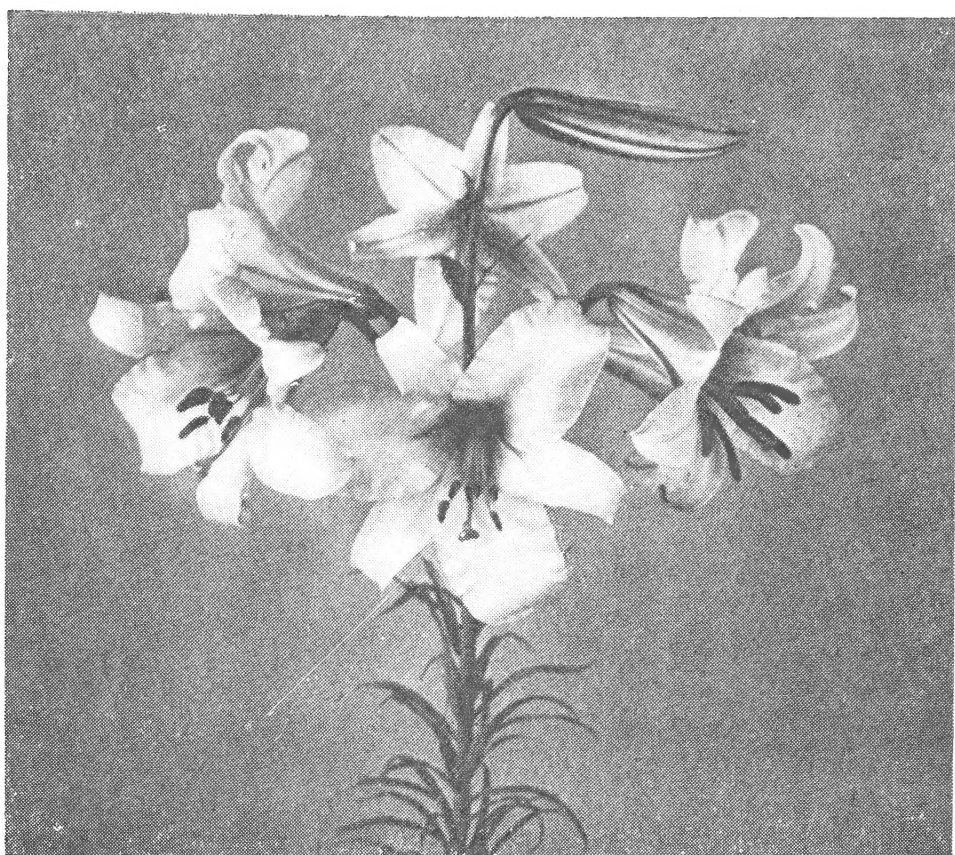
Generous packet\$2.00

Available after July 15, 1949

I am so happy to report your delphiniums I exhibited at our recent Flower Show took blue ribbons and mind you, these were all the second blooms.

Fort Dodge, Iowa

Florence Lilly



L. REGALE

HARDY LILIES

Garden lovers today are now appreciating the value of the Lily as a garden plant—in the various phases of gardening and landscaping. Careful selection and planting of varieties will furnish abundance of color throughout the garden from June to October.

HENRYI . . . Large nodding reflexed orange colored blooms with dark spots. Grows 3 to 5 feet high. Blooms August. Plant 5" deep in partial shade.

Bulbs.....50c each; \$5.00 per dozen

Seeds \$1.00 per packet

REGAL . . . This magnificent white trumpet Lily should be grown by every home owner. Prefers full sun. Requires well drained soil; increases in beauty each year. Plant 5" deep.

Bulbs.....25c each; \$2.50 per dozen

Seed50c per packet

SPECIOSUM RUBRUM . . . A very popular and widely grown variety of *Lilium speciosum*. The color varies from rose pink to deepest carmine pink.

Bulbs.....\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen

SPECIOSUM ALBUM . . . A pure white form of *Lilium speciosum* with green center stripe through the base center of each petal. Chocolate anthers. Stem rooting. Plant 5" deep. Height 3 to 4 feet.

Bulbs.....\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per dozen

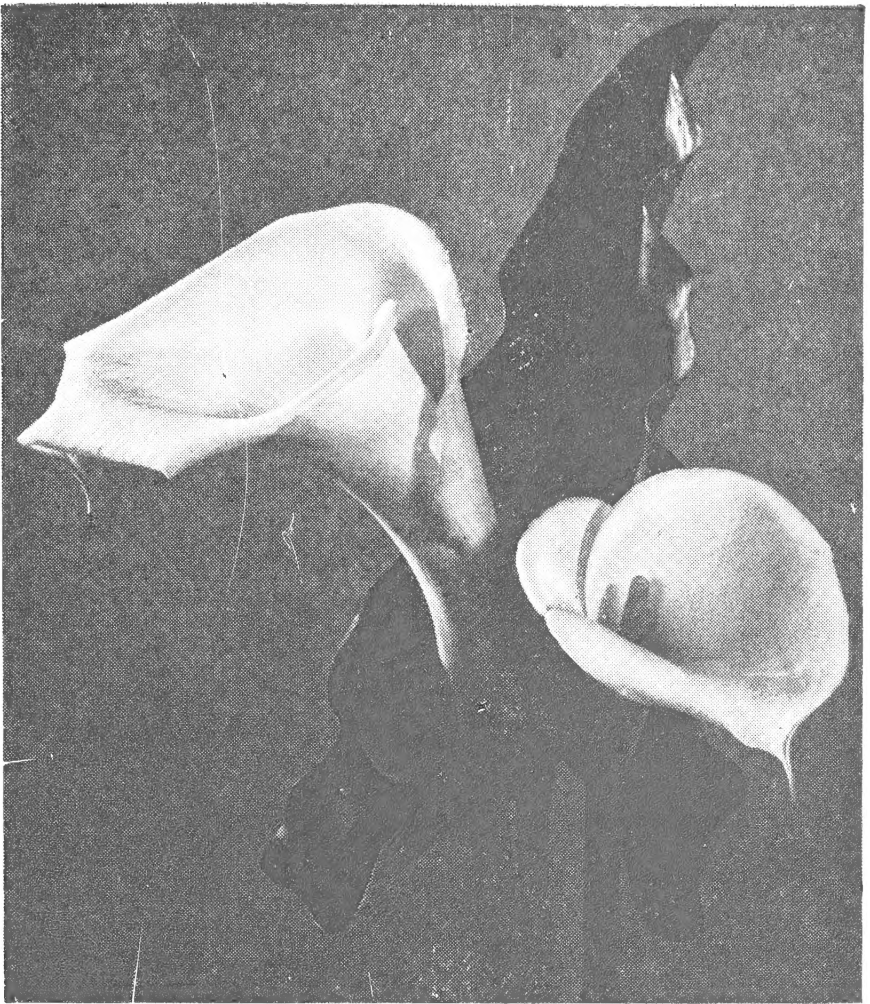
SPECIOSUM MAGNIFICENT . . . An outstanding variety both as to size and color. The blooms are suffused with crimson and spotted pink, with a slender border of white. Stem rooting. Plant 5" deep. Blooms August-September.

Bulbs.....\$1.75 each; \$17.50 per dozen

TENUIFOLIUM . . . A popular Lily of the rock garden. Rarely grows over 18" high, bearing brilliant scarlet reflexed waxy flowers up to 2" in diameter.

Bulbs.....40c each; \$4.00 per dozen

Seed.....75c per packet



CALLA LILIES

The cultural requirements of Calla Lilies are very simple. The pink and yellow Callas, being summer flowering plants, should be planted from January to April in good average garden soil, possibly in slightly shaded places in the warmer districts. Plant the bulbs approximately four inches deep and keep well supplied with moisture during the growing season and gradually withhold water after flowering, if possible. They can be left in the ground for years in regions with mild winters but should be lifted, dried, and stored in a frostless place where winters are severe.

CALLA RHEMANII SUPERBA (New) . . . The finest form of the pink Callas yet offered in cultivation. The seed of this species came from South Africa and it took a number of years to propagate it sufficiently for distribution. It is far superior to the so-called pink Callas that have so far been found in commerce. Flowers are fairly large, pale pink, plant very floriferous. For rock garden and cool borders this is a real acquisition. Delivery December to March.

Price: 50c each; \$5.00 per dozen; \$38.00 per 100

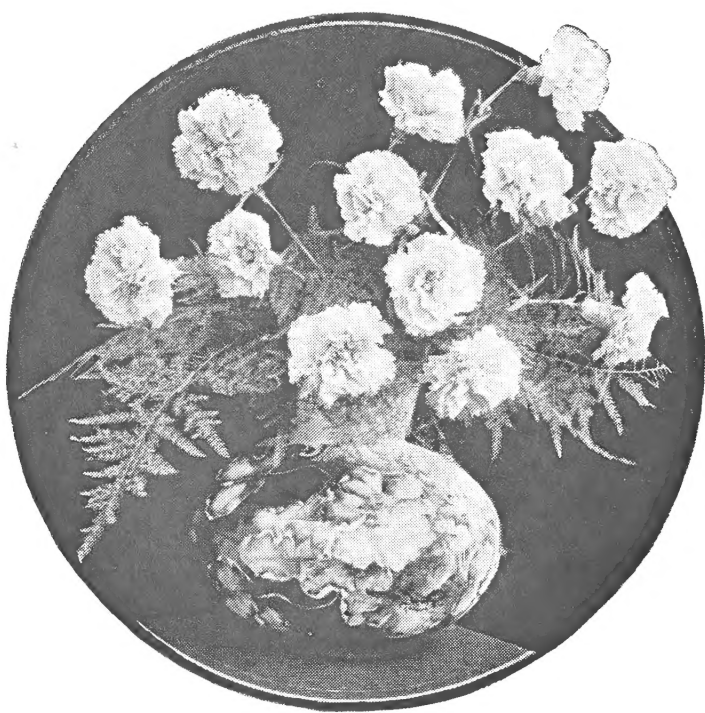
CALLA ELLIOTTIANA . . . The yellow Calla Lily has larger flowers than the pink and is a very effective garden plant. Planting time February to April. Delivery of bulbs November to February.

Price: 40c each; \$4.00 per dozen; \$30.00 per 100

HARDY ENGLISH BORDER CARNATIONS

These garden favorites are especially attractive and suitable for the perennial border. They will bloom during all of July and August and into September and may be left undisturbed for years. These are one of the most trouble-free of the perennials, long and faithful in their bloom.

Carnations demand only sunshine, well-drained soil, with seasonal applications of lime, bone-meal and rotted cow manure. Watering is only necessary when excessively dry and the plants are in an unprotected location. The keynote for the conservation of moisture is thorough cultivation. (Remember to set the plants far enough apart to allow this stirring of the soil.) Don't cut these varieties back after blooming!



CARNATIONS

BONNIE MARY . . . White ground, splashed pink.

BELLE OF BOOKHAM . . . Rose brule.

JULIA CHRISTENSEN . . . Flashed maroon, very fine.

OAKFIELD GLOVE . . . Dark red, large flowers.

PAUL'S RED . . . White ground, dark red flashed.

QUEEN OF YELLOW . . . Double yellow, large flowering if disbudded.

RED MORGAN . . . Dark red, flowers resembling Begonias in form.

SANTA CLAUS . . . Yellow ground, red border.

SUNRISE . . . Apricot-salmon, fancy.

SCARLETT O'HARA . . . Scarlet, maroon striped.

VICTORIA GLOVE . . . Dark red.

Plants.....\$1.25 each; \$11.00 per dozen

NO SEED